

## QUARTERMASTER OF SHIP BLAMES STEERING GEAR

Man on Bridge of the Empress at  
Time of Disaster Reports to  
Storstad's Counsel.

**STATEMENT DENIED BY CAPTAIN**  
Accusing Witness, on Stand, Gives  
Testimony That Vessel Acted  
Exactly as One Would Be Expected  
To—Everybody in Court Laughs.

Quebec, June 18.—C. A. Haight, of counsel for the owners of the collier Storstad, which rammed and sank the steamship Empress of Ireland in the St. Lawrence River with the loss of more than 1,000 lives, to-day started the "commission" which is investigating the disaster with a statement reaching him that, on the night of the disaster, the steering gear of the Empress was disabled. He was so informed, he said, by Quartermaster Galway, of the Empress. Galway was on the bridge at the time of the accident, and, according to Haight's statement, said the Empress's steering gear was jammed.

Captain Kendall, of the Empress, called to the stand, repudiated Galway's story, an old Chief Engineer Sampson, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, owners of the Empress, denied that any attempts had been made to get Galway out of the country.

Haight said the information only reached him during the past twelve hours.

"Last night a man called me on the telephone and said he was a quartermaster of the Empress, and wanted to see me," said Haight. "I asked him if he was a witness, and he said he was not. I hesitated a little and then told him to come to the hotel."

"I sent for my partner in the case, and we both went to the hotel. He said on the night of the collision, sometime previous to the accident, he had been at the wheel, and that the ship had refused to answer her wheel for five minutes, and that she had almost run down another ship. He said that the Canadian Pacific Railway wanted to send him home to England on the steamer Montreal. He showed a letter to the captain of the ship, signed by Captain Walsh, marine superintendent of the company, asking that he be signed on and taken home, as he was a survivor of the Empress's crew."

Later in the day Galway, whose accusations Haight had related, took the stand. He said he had made certain claims about the steering gear of the Empress to Haight at the suggestion of the representative of a railroads and firemen's union, the name of which he did not know. He contended that the Empress's steering gear was jammed, and that when he was on the wheel, he was not in a position to be expected to do, everybody in court laughed.

Witness insisted that the ship steered and went toward another vessel in the river.

Galway said that he had had other trouble with the wheel in the river on the night of the disaster, between 10 and 12 o'clock. It had jammed, he said, for about three minutes. He insisted that he had reported the matter to Second Officer Williams, who was on

## THE BRIDGE, AND WHO WAS LOST IN THE WRECK.

**ASSERTIONS BY GALWAY  
DENIED BY OFFICERS**

Assertions by Quartermaster Galway that the Empress of Ireland did not steer well, that her wheel "jammed" only a few hours before the collision of these claims by officers on the lost Canadian Pacific liner, were the cardinal point in the mass of testimony heard to-day by the Dominion commission.

During the day it was announced that a contract to salvage the Empress had been awarded to the Canadian Salvage Company. It is believed two months will be required to complete this work. It has not yet been decided whether an attempt will be made to raise the sunken hull, after the bodies and cargo have been removed. Galway was severely cross-examined by Lord Mersey, of Liverpool, representing the owners of the Empress, but stuck to his story. It was intimated that he had been to get into the country without testifying. This was denied by Canadian Pacific officials.

Confidence with which Galway was introduced in the proceedings was apparently not shared by the jury. He was asked questions as to why he had failed to mention the alleged defect in the steering apparatus.

Lord Mersey condemned what he said of Galway as the owners of the Storstad, kept back Galway's testimony until the last moment.

Toward the end of the afternoon session, Lord Mersey initiated a conference between attorneys in the case. Following this it was announced that charges of cowardice made against some of the crews of both ships were unfounded.

Before Galway was placed on the stand, Robert H. Brown and Robert Liddell, of the engineering staff of the Empress, corroborated the testimony of Captain Kendall.

While cross-examining the two engineers, Mr. Haight said he was skeptical that the Empress had been put from full speed ahead to full speed astern in three minutes. Both engineers admitted that such an operation had been carried out many times before.

## SUBSCRIPTION TO STOCK BY CITY IS ENJOINED

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Fredericksburg, Va., June 18.—The City Council, meeting today, to adjourn, ordered the City Engineer to file a petition with the Federal Circuit Court to enjoin the Rappahannock Valley Agricultural and Mechanical Fair Society, amounting to \$500, to help rebuild the main building on the fair grounds, which was recently destroyed by fire.

Charles W. Wisener and his wife, Bettie F. Wisener, with their attorney, William K. Goodrich, petitioned Judge John T. Goode, of the Federal Circuit Court, to grant an injunction restraining the city from subscribing to this stock as being an illegal proceeding. The injunction was granted and is limited to thirty days. The complainants gave bond in the sum of \$100, with K. N. Goodrich as security.

The summer normal institute will open in this city at the Normal School grounds, Wednesday, June 24. It is expected that over 200 teachers will be in attendance. The sessions will continue for a month, closing with holding of examinations for State certification. Professor E. H. Russell, president of the Fredericksburg State Normal School, is the conductor of the summer school, and G. M. Harrison is local manager. A strong faculty has been named.

On Sunday afternoon a handsome shaft will be dedicated here, under the auspices of Live Oak Camp, No. 77, Woodmen of the World, of this city, to the memory of the late C. Ernest Layton, United States Senator from Virginia. The shaft is a very handsome one. A number of other orders of the city, of which Mr. Layton was a member, will participate in the ceremonies. Rev. C. Edward Buxton has arrived here from the Episcopal Theological Seminary, near Alexandria, and will remain during the summer. He will have charge of Christ Church and St. George's Chapel, both in Spotsylvania County, holding service each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, at Christ Church, and 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the chapel.

## CAR MAKES FATAL PLUNGE.

James D. Crowder Killed and Four Others Injured.  
Harrisonburg, Va., June 18.—James D. Crowder, an insurance agent of Covington, Va., was killed and four other persons injured when an automobile in which they were riding plunged into an uncompleted coal cart near here early to-day. Crowder's neck was broken. Mrs. Crowder and Miss Lelle Hudson were seriously, but not fatally hurt. The two other occupants of the car sustained minor injuries.

## Lea Chosen President.

Bristol, Va., June 18.—The annual meeting of the Epworth League of the Holston Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Abingdon, Va., was concluded this evening, after four days of work in which many young people of Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee took part. James E. Lea, of Knoxville, Tenn., was chosen president for the ensuing year. The next meeting will be held at Johnson City, Tenn.

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## THIEVES STEAL EXHIBITS MADE FOR POLICE CHIEFS

White Delegates to Convention Are on  
Outing, Burglars Take Handcuffs  
and Revolvers.

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 18.—While the 250 police chiefs, representing the largest cities in the United States, were taking an outing on Lake Michigan to-day thieves broke into the Coliseum, the convention hall, and stole a number of handcuffs and several revolvers on exhibition there.

Officers will be elected to-morrow, and a date set for next year's convention. Major Sylvester, of Washington, undoubtedly will be re-elected president. If Superintendent Carr, of Grand Rapids, resigns as secretary, as is rumored, Michael Caspado, of Elmira, N. Y., will probably succeed him. Michael Reagan will be re-elected vice-president. William J. Burns' name will be put forward by the news list. Official action on the recommendations will follow the presentation of Fred Gallagher's report.

On the trip about the lake to-day, Chief Edward R. Moore, of Roanoke, Va., recommended that all patrolmen be furnished with lines, uniforms during the hot months of the summer. Chiefs from many cities declared that they would attempt to have Moore's idea adopted by their communities. Moore believes Roanoke will set a precedent in this matter this summer.

## GRAND JURY APPROVES WHIPPING OF CONVICTS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Wilmington, N. C., June 18.—As a result of charges made by Rev. Sidney Love, prison evangelist, several convict guards have been arrested and pleaded guilty to whipping convicts. The county commissioners claim they have the right to whip them, and the grand jury, reporting to-day, sets forth that such whippings are necessary, and justifies the guards in their action. Rev. Sidney Love has bitterly denounced this action, and also the method of trying to reform convicts by brute force instead of kindness. In the meantime, the matter will be threshed out in the courts, probably reaching the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

## New Bank for Alexandria.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Alexandria, Va., June 18.—Alexander will shortly have a new savings bank to be known as the Union Bank, with a capital stock of from \$10,000 to \$25,000. A charter will soon be applied for to the State Corporation Commission. The bank will be located at 829 King Street. This building has just been purchased by Dr. E. A. Gorman, president of the bank. Temporary officers are Dr. E. A. Gorman, president, W. L. Slaymaker, secretary, and treasurer. The new bank will start operations during the coming month.

## TWO MORE COMPANIES CLOSE THEIR DOORS

Private Bank and Litchfield Mill Hurt  
by Recent Crash in  
Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., June 18.—Two more companies headed by Charles B. Munday, vice-president of the La Salle Street Trust and Savings Bank, closed their doors to-day while Patrick J. Lucey, Attorney-General, was filing a petition in the courts here asking the La Salle Street Bank, and charging that the bank was irretrievably insolvent. The petition was taken under advisement until to-morrow.

The latest institutions hurt by the bank crash here last Friday were the Peoples' Bank of East Alton, and the Litchfield Mill and Elevator Company. The bank was a private concern, with Munday as its president. Its capital was \$25,000, and it had experienced a run all week.

J. P. Munday was president of the Litchfield Mill. Judge Humphries, of the United States District Court, appointed receivers for both properties after they had filed voluntary petitions in bankruptcy. He also named a receiver for the C. B. Munday Bank, of Smithboro, Ill.

## YOUTH IS CAPTURED AND ADMITS STEALING HORSE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Roanoke, Va., June 18.—Making good time and being overhauled only when he was on the beach, a white boy, who gives his name as G. R. Worrell, nineteen years old, and says his home is in Carroll County, was captured this afternoon after he had started to walk back to Roanoke, and was taken from the patrol wagon at police headquarters. Worrell admits, according to the police, of stealing a valuable horse from the pasture of W. P. Stouffville, on Masons Creek, near Salem, last night.

Young Worrell is a clean-cut, athletic-looking boy, who appears to have cooked on a farm. He says he came here recently from Ohio, and worked three weeks, doing odd jobs with concrete forces about Roanoke. Last night he went to Salem in an effort to get a job, but was unsuccessful. He started to walk back to Roanoke, and it was while on the way that he conceived the idea of taking the horse, riding it and selling it.

When taken into custody, Worrell was trying to make a sale of the horse to a local transfer man.

## LOSES BATTLE FOR LIFE AFTER DOSE OF POISON

Roanoke, Va., June 18.—Mrs. George Kyle Greager, the young Wythe County woman, who had been under treatment here for several days in an effort to counteract the effects of a dose of bichloride of mercury taken by mistake for a headache remedy at her home in Rural Retreat, died at midnight last night at a local hospital. Mrs. Greager was the wife of F. C. Greager, of Rural Retreat. She and her husband are prominently connected throughout the State, and during her illness scores of friends called at the hospital in person or sent inquiries through mail and telegraph to know of the progress of her battle for life.

## SEVERAL ACCIDENTS DURING AUTO HILL-CLIMBING EVENT

One Contestant Killed; Man Injured by  
Skidding Car and Excitement  
Cause Death of Another.

Uniontown, Pa., June 18.—J. E. Stafer, of Pittsburgh, a contestant in the annual hill-climbing event of the Automobile Club of Fayette County, was killed late to-day at a dangerous point on the National Pike, when he drove his car against a cliff.

A few minutes later, a car driven by J. D. Keay, of Richmond, skidded and dashed into a crowd along the course, and a broken leg.

At the finish, Dr. Joseph Van Kirk, of Elizabeth, Pa., became so excited he was stricken with apoplexy and died.

## HANDFUL OF PEARLS FOUND.

Hidden on Steamship Under Bench of Vice  
President's Dressing Room.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
New York, June 18.—Jack Jenkins, owner of a steamship Pastors, went ashore at Port Ligon two months ago and failed to return, so the ship sailed without him.

To-day the kitchen of the ship was being remodeled preparatory to her sailing on Saturday from New York, and it was necessary to draw aside Jack's well battered old bench. Beneath it the carpenters found a little cubby hole, which they searched. A big handful of fine pearls was brought forth and then another handful. Some of them are declared perfect specimens. Their value is estimated at \$15,000. It is supposed he found them in the oysters he had opened by himself. They were turned over to the care of General Manager E. R. Gray-bow.

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